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### SHORT PROFILE

- o Currently: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Chair for International Relations and Transnational Politics, Leipzig University
- o 12/2020: PhD (summa cum laude) in Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
- o Current research project: Digitization in peace processes – communication strategies and local inclusion
- o Research interests: Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Digitalization and Peacekeeping, United Nations, Public Diplomacy and Social Media, Transitional Justice, Multi-Method Research, Simulations

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

since 10/2022            **Leipzig University**, Leipzig, Germany  
Postdoctoral Fellow (100%), Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy,  
Chair for International Relations and Transnational Politics

04/2020 – 09/2022      **University of Potsdam**, Potsdam, Germany  
Postdoctoral Fellow (100%), Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences,  
Chair of International Relations

10/2013 – 04/2020        **Goethe University**, Frankfurt, Germany  
Research Fellow and Lecturer (50%), Department of Political Science,  
Chair of International Institutions and Peace Processes

03/2019 – 04/2019        **University of Liberia**, Monrovia, Liberia  
Research stay (2 months), Visiting Researcher,  
Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation

09/2015 – 06/2016        **Columbia University**, New York, USA  
Research stay (10 months), Fulbright Visiting Researcher,  
Department of Political Science, host: Michael W. Doyle

Since 09/2014            **German Armed Forces Command and Staff College**, Hamburg, Germany  
Guest Lecturer and Subject Matter Expert, Modules 'UN Peacekeeping Operations'  
and 'UN-Staff Officer Course'

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### ACADEMIC EDUCATION

04/2014 – 03/2020        Ph.D. (summa cum laude) in Political Science (Dr. phil.)  
Goethe University Frankfurt am Main  
*Day of defense: 18.12.2020*  
*Title of the dissertation:* Patterns of Sustaining Peace. A Systematic Comparative Case Analysis of Institutional Configurations and their Impact on Peacebuilding Success.  
*Reviewers:* Tanja Brühl (TU Darmstadt), Claudius Wagemann (Goethe University Frankfurt), Margit Bussmann (University Greifswald)

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|-------------------|--|
| 10/2010 – 06/2013 | Master of Arts International Studies / Peace and Conflict Studies (Grade 1,3)<br>Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main   |
| 02/2010 – 07/2010 | Visiting Student, University of Southampton, United Kingdom  |
| 10/2007 – 11/2010 | Bachelor of Arts Political Science (Grade 1,3)<br>Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main                                  |
| 10/2006 – 07/2011 | Master of Arts, English Studies, Spanish and Cultural Anthropology (Grade 1,1)<br>Faculty of Modern Languages, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main |

## PUBLICATIONS

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Total number of publications: 15

Publications with peer review: 10

Overall IF: 9.953

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Google Scholar Profile

### JOURNAL ARTICLES (Peer reviewed)

1. **Leib, J.** (2023). *Of Peacekeepers and Pandemics: How Covid-19 Changed Strategic Communication of the UN Mission in South Sudan*, *Global Governance*, 29(1), 11-26. (IF: 1.180)
2. **Leib, J.** (2022). *How Justice Becomes Part of the Deal: Pre-Conditions for the Inclusion of Transitional Justice Provisions in Peace Agreements*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 16(3), 439-457. (IF: 1.758)
3. Ruppel, S. & **Leib, J.** (2022). *Same but Different: The Role of Local Leaders in the Peace Processes in Liberia and Sierra Leone*, *Peacebuilding*, 10(4), 470-505. (IF: 1.750)
4. **Leib, J.** & Ruppel, S. (2021). *The Dance of Peace and Justice: Local Perceptions of International Peacebuilding in West Africa*, *International Peacekeeping*, 28(5), 783-812. (IF: 3.000)
5. Ruhe, C., **Leib, J.**, Weidmann, N.B. & Bussmann, M. (2020). *Empirisch-analytische Friedens- und Konfliktforschung in Deutschland: Ein Kommentar zur Evaluation durch den Wissenschaftsrat*, *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 9(2), 443-454.
6. **Leib, J.** & Ruppel, S. (2020). *The learning effects of United Nations simulations in political science classrooms*, *European Political Science*, 19(3), 336-351. (IF: 1.756)
7. **Leib, J.** (2019). *The security and justice approach in Liberia's peace process: mechanistic evidence and local perception*, *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 25(4), 1-6. (IF: 0.509)
8. **Leib, J.** & Ruppel, S. (2019). *Studentische Lerneffekte in Simulationen der Vereinten Nationen*, *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 8(1), 99-111.
9. **Leib, J.** (2016). *Shaping peace: an investigation of the mechanisms underlying post-conflict peacebuilding*, *Peace, Conflict & Development*, Issue 22: 25-76.

### MONOGRAPH

10. **Leib, J.** (2024). Patterns of Sustaining Peace: The Complex Impact of Peacebuilding Institutions in Post-Conflict Societies. Forthcoming with Bristol University Press.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

11. **Leib, J.** (2024). Social Media and Strategic Communication in UN Peacekeeping Missions. In: A. Reuß & S. Stetter (eds.). *Social Media and Conflict: Exploring the Role of Digital Spaces in Peacebuilding*. Forthcoming with Palgrave MacMillan.
12. Brühl, T., **Leib, J.**, Peltner, A. & Ruppel, S. (2018). [Die Vereinten Nationen simulieren: „MainMUN“ als fächerübergreifendes Planspiel der Weltpolitik](#). In: M. Schedelik, T. Engartner & M.T. Messner (eds.). *Planspiele in der sozialwissenschaftlichen Lehre: Theorie und Praxis aus der Hochschule*. Schwalbach/Ts: Wochenschau Verlag: 181-191.

## OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

13. **Leib, J.** (2023). [Unhörbar#32 – Wie entsteht nachhaltiger Frieden?](#) Podcast of the United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN), April 21, 2023.
14. **Leib, J.** (2019). [Ist die Welt wirklich friedlicher geworden? Ein Blick auf statistische Trends im Konfliktgeschehen weltweit](#), *Forschung Frankfurt*, Issue 1.2019, 62-66.
15. **Leib, J.** (2010). Quo Vadis Peacekeeping? Der Konflikt in Darfur und die „Responsibility to Protect“. Saarbrücken: VDM.

## WORKING PAPER

‘Let’s Communicate better about What We do in Ways that Everybody understands’: Strategic Digital Communication in United Nations Peace Missions

Becoming an ‘Influencer for Peace’: Strategic Social Media Communication by the UN Verification Mission in Colombia (with Solveig Richter)

Implementing Peace under a Watchful Public Eye: Analyzing the Corrective Function of Online Social Networks in Colombia’s Peace Process (with Solveig Richter & Johannes Schuster)

Assisted Accountability in Peacebuilding: Tracing the Implementation of Peace and Justice in Sierra Leone  
The Sustaining Peace Scale: Conceptualizing Peace in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict.

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## AWARDS

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| 10/2021 | <a href="#">Best Dissertation Award</a><br>United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN)<br>for <i>Patterns of Sustaining Peace</i>                   |
| 10/2021 | <a href="#">Aquila ascendens Young Researcher Award for Security Policy</a> , third place<br>DialogForum Sicherheitspolitik                          |
| 02/2014 | Josef Esser Award<br>Goethe University Frankfurt<br>Best Master thesis in Political Science  |
| 07/2011 | Dagmar Westberg University Award<br>Goethe University Frankfurt<br>Outstanding Master thesis on the literature, culture, or history of Great Britain |

## APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

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| 2022 | <b>Assistant Professor in Political Science with Expertise in International Security</b><br>Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (Long list, interview) |
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## RESEARCH FUNDING

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|-------------------|--|
| 2022 – 2023       | German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)   |
|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Pilot Study '#Peacekeeping: Ambivalences of digital communication strategies of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)'</li><li>o Principal Investigator and Project Lead, Volume: €28,800</li></ul>   |
| 12/2021           | Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)  |
|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Workshop 'International QCA Expert/Paper Development Workshops'</li><li>o Project Co-Lead with Johannes Meuer (ETH Zurich), Manuel Fischer (EAWAG), Sofia Pagliarin (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Ryan Rumble (Jönköping University), Christian Rupietta (University of Wuppertal), Volume: CHF 12,600</li></ul> |
| 02/2021 – 07/2021 | Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS)   |
|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Funding for a research assistant in the project 'Digitalization in Peacekeeping'</li><li>o Principal Investigator and Project Lead, Volume: €2,000</li></ul>   |

## SCHOLARSHIPS & TRAVEL GRANTS

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*Total amount of scholarships and travel grants acquired: €78,500*

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| 07/2020           | Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS) travel grant for the Essex Summer School (€1,250)   |
| 06/2019 – 09/2020 | Mentee in the 'Mentoring Hessen' funding line 'ProAcademia' for the promotion of women in science and business                           |
| 06/2019           | Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences (GRASOC) travel grant for a conference in The Hague, Netherlands (€400)                        |
| 02/2019 – 04/2019 | DAAD short-term scholarship for doctoral students for field research in Sierra Leone and Liberia (€7,480)                                |
| 09/2018           | Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences (GRASOC) travel grant for a conference in Hamburg (€400)                                       |
| 04/2018           | DAAD travel grant for a conference in San Francisco, USA (€1,629)  |
| 11/2014 – 10/2017 | Full Predoctoral Fellowship, Polytechnic Society Foundation Frankfurt am Main (fellowship, plus research and travel expenses, ~ €51,000) |
| 08/2017           | ECPR Funding Grant for the Summer School in Methods and Techniques (€415)  |
| 09/2015 – 06/2016 | Predoctoral Fellowship, Fulbright Commission, for a research stay as Visiting Scholar at Columbia University in New York, USA (€14,400)  |
| 03/2016           | DAAD travel grant for conference in Atlanta, USA (€1,500)  |

## ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS AND GUEST TALKS

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| Workshop Convener     | <p>International QCA Expert Workshop &amp; International QCA Paper Development Workshop, ETH Zurich, December 13-15, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Co-Convener (with Manuel Fischer, Johannes Meuer, Sofia Pagliarin, Ryan Rumble, Christian Rupietta)</li><li>○ Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (amount: 12,600 CHF)</li></ul> <p>‘Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict’ virtual workshop of the German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies’ (AFK) working group Empirical Peace and Conflict Research, September 23-24, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Co-Convener (with Constantin Ruhe)</li></ul>   |
| Organized Guest Talks | <p>‘Relevance and Effectiveness of International Institutions: A Practitioner’s View’, by former Ambassador Martin Kobler, Leipzig University, July 4, 2023</p> <p>‘Ethnographic Research Designs &amp; Methods’, by Dr. Samantha Ruppel, Leipzig University, June 29, 2023</p> <p>‘Security Policy in Times of Crisis’, by former Ambassador Martin Kobler, University of Potsdam, January 26, 2022</p> <p>Lecture Series “Transformations of our World – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, Berlin, November 8 – December 6, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Co-Convener (with Andrea Liese, Thomas Dörfler, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Engagement Global)</li></ul> |

## FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

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| 05/2023           | Colombia: Interviews with officers working for the UN Verification Mission in Colombia and other (inter)national organizations in Bogotá and Medellín.  |
| 03/2023           | USA: Interviews with members of the United Nations Secretariat in New York.   |
| 03/2019 – 04/2019 | Liberia: Interviews with experts in international peacebuilding and local reconciliation processes in Monrovia, as well as leading a survey on local perceptions of the peace process.                                      |
| 01/2019 – 02/2019 | Sierra Leone: Interviews with experts in international peacebuilding and local reconciliation processes throughout the country, as well as leading a nationwide survey on local perceptions of the peace process.           |
| 10/2018 – 11/2018 | USA: Archive research on documents of the UN peace missions in Cambodia and Sierra Leone in the UN Archives in New York, as well as interviews with members of international organizations in New York and Washington, D.C. |

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Since 03/2023 | Executive Board Member of the <a href="#">German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies</a>   |
| Since 01/2021 | Organizational Team, <a href="#">International QCA Workshop Series</a><br>with Johannes Meuer (ETH Zurich), Manuel Fischer (EAWAG), Sofia Pagliarin (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Ryan Rumble (Jönköping University), Christian Rupietta (University of Wuppertal) |
| Since 09/2019 | Co-Speaker, AFK working group <a href="#">Empirical Peace and Conflict Research</a><br>German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies, with Constantin Ruhe (Goethe University Frankfurt)  |

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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| 08/2022   | Survey Design,<br>ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques   |
| 02/2022   | Online Qualitative Data Collection: Methods, Technology and Ethics<br>ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques   |
| 08/2021   | Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis,<br>ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques  |
| 07/2021   | Survival Analysis and Event History Modelling,<br>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis  |
| 03/2021   | Applied Regression Analysis: Estimation, Diagnostics, and Modelling<br>ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques  |
| 08/2020   | Qualitative Data Analysis & Introduction to NVivo<br>ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques  |
| 07/2020   | Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis,<br>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis   |
| 03/2018   | Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA,<br>ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques  |
| 08/2017   | Process-tracing I: Foundations and Guidelines & Process-tracing II: Evidence and empirical testing in practice, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques |
| 08/2011   | Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets,<br>ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques   |
| Languages | German ( <i>native</i> ), English ( <i>fluent</i> ), Spanish ( <i>basic</i> ), French ( <i>basic</i> )   |
| Software  | R, RStudio, fs/QCA, NVivo, ArcGIS, WordPress, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom)   |

## UNIVERSITY SERVICES

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|-------------------|--|
| 10/2020 – 09/2022 | Member in the Faculty Council<br>Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam   |
| 2021              | Member in the appointment committee<br>W3 “Chair in Public Participation and Open Government”, University of Potsdam   |
| 2018/2019         | Member in the appointment committee<br>W1 “Chair in Political Science or Sociology with a Focus on Radicalization and Violence Research”, Goethe University Frankfurt                |
| 2017              | Member in the appointment committee<br>W1 (tenure track) “Chair in Political Science with a Focus on Methods of Quantitative Empirical Social Research”, Goethe University Frankfurt |

## PEER REVIEW

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| Journals   | Journal of Peace Research (1), International Peacekeeping (2), International Journal of Communication (1) |
| Publishers | Springer Publishing House (1)   |

## DIDACTIC AND CAREER TRAINING

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|-------------------|--|
| 04/2020 – 09/2022 | Several career development workshops<br>Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS), courses included Management of Research Data, Grant Proposal Writing, Gender-Diversity-Approaches for University Teaching, Digitalization of University teaching, Inverted Classroom Model |
| 10/2013 – 06/2015 | Certificate of Didactics of Higher Education<br>Comprehensive training in didactics of university teaching (21 ECVET-points), Interdisziplinäres Kolleg Hochschuldidaktik, Goethe University Frankfurt   |
| 10/2014 – 02/2015 | eLearning Certificate Digital Media in Educational Processes<br>Qualification program by studiumdigitale, eLearning facility at Goethe University  |

## TEACHING SUMMARY

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| Breadth  | 26 completed courses on international relations, peace and conflict studies, comparative politics, and social science methods<br>o 18 courses in university teaching methods ( <i>Hochschuldidaktik</i> )  |
| Levels   | Undergraduate and graduate level   |
| Teaching institutions                          | Leipzig University (since 2022)<br>University of Potsdam (2020-2022)<br>Goethe University Frankfurt (2014-2020)<br>German Armed Forces Command and Staff College (since 2014)  |
| Theses supervision                             | 18 BA Theses (17 as second reader), 8 Master Theses (13 as second reader)  |
| International Relations & Comparative Politics | International Security Policy<br>Mission Accomplished? Effectiveness of International Peace Operations<br>United Nations<br>Challenges of International Conflict Resolution<br>International Institutions<br>European Peace and Security Policy<br>Preparation for the National Model United Nations<br>Current Topics in Civil War Research<br>Transitional Justice in Theory and Practice<br>The Challenges of Peace Processes |
| Methods  | (Qualitative) Research Designs in International Relations<br>Introduction to Academic Research   |

## MEMBERSHIPS

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| Since 2020 | Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)  |
| Since 2019 | German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK) |
| Since 2020 | Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS)            |
| Since 2016 | United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN)           |
| Since 2015 | International Studies Association (ISA)                |

## INVITED TALKS/ROUNDTABLES

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| 2022 | United Nations Association of Germany           | Roundtable: "Pathways to Sustainable Peace: Germany's Role in International Peacebuilding"  |
| 2018 | ETH Zurich                                      | Talk: "The more (not always) the merrier: The hidden mechanisms of power-sharing institutions and their influence on stable peace", Invited Roundtable, International QCA Expert Workshop     |
| 2018 | University of Birmingham                        | Talk: "The hidden mechanisms of power-sharing institutions and their influence on stable peace", Invited Roundtable, Methodological Advances in the Study of Civil War and Political Violence |
| 2018 | Uppsala University                              | Talk: "Third-party interventions in armed conflicts: a closer look at causal patterns, dependencies and consequences for civilians", Invited Roundtable, Ending Atrocities Workshop           |
| 2017 | ETH Zurich                                      | Talk: "Making Peace Last – A Systematic Comparative Case Analysis of Successful Post-Conflict Peacebuilding", Invited Roundtable, International QCA Expert Workshop                           |
| 2017 | Fridtjof Nansen Academy for Political Education | Talk: "Lessons learned? Current Challenges of International Conflict Settlement by the United Nations"  |

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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| 2023 | ISA Annual Convention, Montréal<br>DVPW-Sektionstagung Internationale Beziehungen, Friedrichshafen<br>ACUNS Annual Meeting, Washington<br>European Workshops in International Studies, WS 'World Politics and United Nations Peace Missions, Amsterdam  |
| 2022 | ISA Annual Convention, Nashville<br>21st Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, London<br>ACUNS Annual Meeting, Geneva<br>Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Aarhus<br>10th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich   |
| 2021 | ISA Virtual Annual Convention<br>IPSA World Congress of Political Science<br>ECPR General Conference<br>DVPW-Kongress<br>EISA Workshops, WS "Global Governance in the Digital Age"<br>9th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich<br>Annual Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section |
| 2020 | Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Oxford<br>DVPW-Sektionstagung Internationale Beziehungen, Freiburg<br>8th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich<br>Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Berlin   |
| 2019 | ISA Annual Convention, Toronto<br>APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.<br>19th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, The Hague<br>7th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich<br>Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Bonn  |

2018      ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco  
ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, Nicosia  
IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Brisbane  
ECPR General Conference, Hamburg  
Ending Atrocities Workshop, Uppsala  
6th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich  
Workshop: Methodological Advances in the Study of Civil War and Political Violence, Birmingham  
Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Hamburg

2017      ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore  
5th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich  
Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Mannheim

2016      ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta  
MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago  
APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia  
Peace Science Society (International) Annual North American Meeting, South Bend  
Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Konstanz

2015      ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans  
IAPSS World Congress, London